

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Southbury Town Hall, Main Street, Southbury, Ct .

Commissioners Present:

Ray Hoesten, Chairman
Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Jerry Isleib
John Downs Jr.
Ed Kusinski
Frank Cavallo
Gary Dennen
Dick Speer
Jamie Dobrovich

Absent:

Monroe Vacancy

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 11 of the 11 members present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to amend and then accept the minutes as read from the December 1, 2015 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion): Publicity and Public Awareness : change FOI Inservice date from, January 4, 2016 to Thursday, January 14, 2016; motion was passed unanimously.

Introduction of Guests:

The First Selectpersons attending the meeting were: Pat Llodra, Newtown , George Temple, Oxford and Jeff Manville, Southbury. Also in attendance were Chuck Lee, DEEP Water Bureau , Katrina, Danbury News Times and , Rich Jackson, Monroe Health Dept. Each LZA Commissioner introduced themselves to the audience as requested by Ray Hoesten, Chairman.

Public Comments:

, Tony D'Angelo, Sandy Hook, encouraged the LZA to post the Pre and Post Treatment Survey results on the website, continue to treat the weeds, treat the algae with algicides and follow the FOI statutes as noted ..

Discussion of Blue Green Algae:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, was introduced by Ray Hoesten, Chairman to discuss blue green algae. Gary stated that in September, George Knoelin noted via water samples that there was fifty times the allowable amount of blue green algae for safe swimming at Kettletown Cove; thus Lake Zoar in conjunction with the four towns needs to initiate a program to address the causes, treatments and preventative steps needed. Gary introduced Chuck Lee, DEEP, who stated that river impoundments such as Lakes Lillinoah , Zoar etc are more apt to have algae blooms due to slower flows; blue green algae has toxic components thus guidelines were set in 2013 for beach closures: i.e. Kettletown Beach was closed to swimming for four weeks this summer as the toxins may cause skin rashes, g.i. issues and neuro issues, etc. Ct Deep is working with the EPA, Environmental Protection Agency , re pollutants, storm water runoff and municipal treatment water plants, etc; the Ct storm water runoff permit process is being revised. Chuck stated that the Ct Labs are currently unable to perform blue green algae tests and some use the Greenwater Lab in Palatka, Florida to

do so Oxford. First Selectman, George Temple, suggested that the LZA form a partnership and joint meetings with the Lake Lillinoah Authority and will check with the Pomperaug Health Dept regarding increased monitoring of the lake pre algae blooms; Pat Llodra, Newtown First Selectman, concurred re joint meetings and stated that Newtown Park and Rec does a visual assessment of the algae and reports its findings to the Newtown Health Dept; Pat suggested that LZA initiate a Public Education Campaign which would provide consistent information to lake users and residents of the four towns. Jeff Manville, Southbury First Selectman, stated that as a farmer, he is quite aware of agricultural runoff and is also aware of the many water 'Lake issues as he was a member of Southbury Inland Wetlands Commission for years. Gary Fillion distributed various information to the Selectmen and the press re the Lake Erie algae bloom, Candlewood Lake's Autumn notice re avoidance of putting leaves in the lake, and Ct federation of Lakes data collection process re bacterial issues in blue green algae. Corrective suggestions were made i.e. placement of buffer zones on lakefront properties, increased communication between First Light and the First Selectmen, public hearing to increase awareness, and initiate a 311 protocol to inform residents, etc.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Ed Kusinski reported that the website information needs to be notarized; Ed provided Ray Hoesten with the necessary forms.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, stated that finances are in good shape; and the 2015 Oxford Patrol bill was received. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as reported by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was made by Carolyn Wilson (seconded by Dick Speer); the motion passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Dan Semosky, SP : no report.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Ray Hoesten, Chairman appointed Jaimie Dobrovich to set up plans re blue green algae recommendations; Ed Kusinski agreed to assist and do the necessary graphics. Ed reminded everyone that the FOI Inservice is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 7pm at the Southbury Town Hall.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, reported that George Knoecklin will complete the Pre and Post Water Treatment conclusions. Gary will verify the projected cost price for a 2016 second Weed Treatment.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that he received a letter from Beacon Point Marina stating that the present boat motors would require very expensive repairs: Boat #2 has the worst engine and Boat #1 is the better of the two, thus he suggests that two motors be purchased and that LZA have Beacon Point Marina staff train the LZA Boat Drivers in the Spring. Dick will visit Beacon Point Marina tomorrow and verify the recommended horsepower and propellers. A motion to purchase two new boat motors based on the condition of the motors, not to exceed \$27000, twenty-seven thousand dollars, without prior approval was made by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, (seconded by Carolyn Wilson); motion was passed unanimously. Dick also reported that he and Sgt. Dan Semosky S.P. assessed the boat seats, boat #2 windshield and top and will report at next meeting. Ed Kusinski will attend the NY Boat Show and check costs. Dick Speer, Sgt Dan Semosky S.P., Terry Bogue, LZA Driver and Ray Hoesten, LZA Chairman, will attend tomorrow's meeting with the Beacon Point Marina manager re the purchase of the boat motors.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

John Downs Jr stated that he is pursuing Grants.

New Business:

None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, (seconded by Jerry Isleib); motion passed unanimously; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall, Fan Hill Road, Monroe, Ct.